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1. CRAWFORD WAS CALLED AT IH OFFICE AT 0945
ON AUGUST 4 AND SUMMONED TO LEFORTOVO FOR
INTERROGATION. CONSOFF AND IH EXECUTIVE JOHN
CHELLMAN BOTH ACCOMPANIED CRAWFORD AGAIN, AND
BOTH AGAIN HAD TO WAIT IN LEFORTOVO "WAITING
ROOM".

2. ACCORDING TO CRAWFORD, INTERROGATION CON-
SISTED OF BEING SHOWN DRIVERS' RECORDS "PROVING"
THAT HE VISITED SOVIET CITIZENS. CRAWFORD NOTED
THAT THE "VISITS TO THE RUSSIAN" ENTRY WAS ALWAYS
THE LAST ENTRY ON THE SHEETS, AND THAT SEVERAL
TIMES ENTRIES WERE IN DIFFERENT COLORED INKS THAN
THE REST OF THE REPORT. HE NOTED THESE AND
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OTHER DISCREPANCIES, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THE
SIGNATURE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WAS NOT HIS. KGB
MAJOR BELYAYEV IGNORED OBJECTIONS AND CONTINUED
INTERROGATION.

3. AT CONCLUSION OF INTERVIEW AT 1300, CRAWFORD
WAS INFORMED THAT HE WOULD AGAIN BE SUMMONED

FOR INTERROGATION, BUT BELYAYEV DECLINED TO SAY EXACTLY WHEN. BELYAYEV, PERHAPS IN REACTION TO CONSULAR COUNSELOR'S ORAL REPRESENTATION TO MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION ON AUGUST 2 (REFTEL B, PARA 4), VOLUNTEERED THAT KGB COULD NOT BY LAW CONTACT EMBASSY DIRECTLY, AND THEREFORE, HAD TO CONTACT CRAWFORD AT THE OFFICE.

4. RE PARA 1, REFTEL A: DURING AUGUST 2 EVENING SESSION AT LEFORTOVO, AS POINTED OUT IN PARA 1 OF MOSCOW 18304, KGB INVENTORIED AND RETURNED CRAWFORD'S PERSONAL BELONGINGS, BUT DID NOT INTERROGATE HIM. FURTHER, THE SESSION CONCLUDED AT 2100 WHEN THE SKY IN MOSCOW WAS STILL BRIGHT. TOON

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